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## Mission management reviews weather for launch probability



◆ **Mission Update:** Launch of space shuttle Discovery on mission STS-120 is scheduled at 11:38 a.m. **today!** There is a 60-percent chance of weather prohibiting launch. Due to the

remote possibility of breaking glass and building damage from a catastrophic event, employees are encouraged to observe the shuttle launch outside of their facilities and away from windows. Do not attempt to relocate to the LC-39 area to view the launch unless it is your normal workplace or you are required to be there for support.

In support of the launch, the MFF Café in the LC-39 area is open continuously today until the normally scheduled closing time of 8 p.m. If the launch slips and there is a 24-hour turnaround, food service will be provided continuously Wednesday until the normal closing time of 8 p.m.

◆ **ELV Update:** The schedule for future *local* NASA Expendable Launch Vehicle launches begins in 2008:

- ◆ GLAST, no earlier than Feb. 5 from CCAFS.
- ◆ GOES-O, targeted for April 21, from CCAFS.
- ◆ OSTM/Jason II, June 15, from CCAFS.
- ◆ LRO/LCROSS, Oct. 31, from CCAFS.

■ **Upcoming KEA Events** — The KSC Engineering Academy will host a technical discussion by Ali Shaykhian/NE-C1 on software testing: white box/black box integrity from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the KSC Learning Institute (located directly behind KSC Headquarters, southeast parking lot). The focus of this tech talk is "best practices in software testing."

Also, on Oct. 30 in the Training Auditorium, there will be an Ares 1-X panel discussion. The Training Auditorium is located between the HQ and O&C buildings. Led by Jon Cowart, the panel will present an overview of Ares 1-X.

NASA and contractor personnel are invited to attend these events. If you have any questions, please contact Gisele Altman at [gisele.altman-1@nasa.gov](mailto:gisele.altman-1@nasa.gov) or 867-4000.

■ **Proper Display of Badges** — The proper display of a badge is an essential component to the security of our installation. Please help by properly displaying your badge and reminding others to do the same. Unless otherwise directed due to local operational or safety requirements, badges must be worn above the waist, on the outermost garment, with the picture and/or expiration date facing out.

If you have any questions regarding badging regulations, contact the J-BOSC Security Awareness Office at 861-5146 or [SecurityA@jbosc.ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:SecurityA@jbosc.ksc.nasa.gov).

■ **Education Opportunity** — Register now for the spring semester beginning Jan. 7 at Florida Institute of Technology. Master of Science in computer information systems, Master of Science in com-

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puter science, Master of Science in software engineering, Master of Science in space systems and Master of Science in space systems management degrees are offered at FIT. All classes are held in the evenings at either KSC or the new Rockledge Center.

For registration details or for your copy of the latest catalog, contact Sharon Anderson at (KSC) 453-2030 or (Rockledge) 504-4142, or send e-mail to [sanderso@fit.edu](mailto:sanderso@fit.edu).

■ **Reminder — Make a Difference Day Project Ends Friday.** You can "make a difference" by helping fill the pantries of the Brevard Sharing Centers. Suggested items include canned foods; peanut butter; jelly; packaged rice and pasta meals and other non-perishable items; personal care items such as toothpaste/brushes; shampoo/cream rinse; soap; shaving cream/razors; and other items such as diapers of all sizes, wipes, toilet paper, etc.

■ **Reminder** — At 10 a.m. on Friday, the KSC Disability Awareness and Action Working Group will host a National Disability Employment Awareness Month event at the KSC Training Auditorium, featuring guest speaker Marc Buoniconti and a Disability Information Fair before and after the program.

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